

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOHN E. BEATON
IN RECOGNITION OF THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF
SERVICE WITH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS HEREBY OFFERED AND READ:

WHEREAS, John Beaton has worked for the County of San Luis Obispo since November 14, 1978, encompassing 35 years of employment; and

WHEREAS, John Beaton, started out as an Assistant Environmental Chemist, then reclassified as Environmental Chemist II which was changed to Water Systems Chemist II in April 1990, promoting to Sr. Water Systems Chemist in November 1995, then promoting to his current assignment as Water Quality Manager in the Public Works Utilities Division in October 2002; and

WHEREAS, John has demonstrated his commitment to our County and is known to be an extremely conscientious, reliable and devoted employee who works with diligent effort and supports the Department and County's goals; a strong team player who can always be depended on to complete any assignment promptly and thoroughly; and

WHEREAS, John is known to be a man and employee of person of integrity, honest and ethical; and

WHEREAS, John has through the years encouraged and supported his staff's professional and personal development with encouragement, training and laboratory reassignment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, John has exhibited strong technical skills, notably in troubleshooting and problem solving in the areas of chemistry, electronics, computers, water and wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, John has come to work in the middle of the night and weekends many times to help deal with emergencies and provide support to operational problems; and.

WHEREAS, John is a self-educated computer programmer, who singlehandedly developed and customized the currently used Laboratory Information Management System which has been in use for 17 years and which continues to be a valuable tool for the laboratory scheduling, monitoring and data management; and

WHEREAS, John is known to be well versed and highly knowledgeable in the multiplicity of drinking water and wastewater regulations. He has developed an outstanding working relationship with regulatory agency staff and community groups, ensuring that the Department's water and wastewater operations maintain regulatory compliance and are credibly viewed by all regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, John has demonstrated his balanced approach to life by incorporating traveling, outdoor activities, and photography into leisure activities. John may be known for a non-verbalized lifetime goal of traveling more millions of miles via plane and cruise ship than the number of water quality tests his laboratory has performed during his 35 year tenure at the County; and

WHEREAS, John continues to demonstrate excellence and dedication in his current assignment, and encourages and provides opportunities to his staff to continue and expand these attributes in their service efforts

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, that John Beaton, be and hereby is commended for his 35 years of dedication to the County mission;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that John Beaton is wished the best of health, happiness, and good fortune in his continued service, his retirement in June 2014, that he continue to enjoy his many travels of the world and beyond.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted:

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

BY: _____ Deputy Clerk